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For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR HEALING AND REPAIR OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2000. A request for a three month extension and the required fee accompanies this amendment. The extension resets the date for response from November 9 to February 9, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

(amended) 1. A method for regeneration of articular cartilage comprising administering to an area in need of regeneration of said articular cartilage an effective amount of at least one purified bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) effective for the regeneration of said articular cartilage

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